

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 14-02-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 10, 2014  
Commission Meeting: February 13, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of February 3, 2014

2. Out-of-state travel (Kate)

Staff requests approval for Joel Tierney, Elizabeth Kamback and John Torske to travel to Bismarck, ND, April 14-17, 2014, to conduct a joint Distribution Integrity Management Audit of MDU along with pipeline safety staff from ND, SD and WY.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2013.12.85 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval to Purchase and Operate the Hydroelectric Facilities of PPL Montana, LLC – Discuss and act on NorthWestern’s Motions for Protective Orders regarding specific, future capital expenditures of PPL Montana, LLC. (2/13/14)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 31, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed a *Motion for Protective Order of Confidential Information* to protect as a trade secret certain information to be filed in this Docket. Specifically, NorthWestern seeks to protect information about the budget and estimates of capital expenditures outside of the budget for the generation facilities of PPL Montana, LLC, including details about the planned maintenance and upgrades and the cost of such maintenance and upgrades, for future periods of time.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.12.85 (Jason)

On January 31, 2014, NorthWestern Corporation, doing business as NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), filed a *Motion for Protective Order* to protect as a trade secret the pricing information for certain services provided to NorthWestern by CB&I Stone & Webster, Inc. (CB&I). Specifically, NorthWestern seeks to protect the portions of CB&I’s invoices showing the “Billed Amount” and “Rate.”

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission’s web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2014.1.14 - NorthWestern Energy - Bonneville Power Administration ("BPA") Residential Exchange Credit Filing reflecting the Count REP Settlement Payment, the BPA Credit Account Balance as of December 31, 2013 and rates effective from March 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015

D2014.1.15 - Hot Springs Telephone Company - DS1 Local Transport and Termination Service Tariff

D2014.1.16 - Ronan Telephone Company - DS1 Local Transport and Termination Service Tariff

D2014.1.17 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co - Application for Authority to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment

D2014.2.18 - Montana-Dakota Utilities Co - Application for Authority to Implement a Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Tracking Adjustment

D2014.2.19 - Miller Oil Company - Monthly Gas Tracker Adjustment for Propane Service in its Culbertson MT Service Area Effective for the Period January through December 2014